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SUBJECT: UN OPI PRESS BRIEFING, APRIL 7: INDOCHINA RELIEF

1. AT PRESS BRIEFING NOON APRIL 7, UN OPI PRESS SPOKESMAN, POWELL, SPOKE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES ON INDOCHINA RELIEF:
(A) A JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE SHORTLY IN GENEVA AND NEW YORK ON EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM TO BE HANDLED JOINTLY BY UNICEF AND UNHCR. PROGRAM WILL BE APPEAL TO POTENTIAL DONORS DETAILING INCREASED RELIEF ASSISTANCE REQUIRED ON EMERGENCY BASIS TO HELP LARGE NUMBERS OF CIVILIAN POPULATION. UNICEF AND UNHCR HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN PROVIDING RELIEF ASSISTANCE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS AND ARE NOW EXPANDING PROGRAMS. BECAUSE
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OF EMERGENCY THE TWO AGENCIES WILL BE ACTING IN CLOSE COLLABORA-

TION AND WITH FULL SUPPORT OF SYG WALDHEIM IN COMBINED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS IN VIET NAM. FUNDS CONTRIBUTED BY GOVERNMENTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED JOINTLY AND UNICEF/UNHCR FIELD STAFF WILL OPERATE JOINTLY. UNICEF ALSO WILL CONTINUE ITS PROGRAM FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN ON BOTH SIDES OF CONFLICT IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA. SPECIAL FOOD, SHELTER MATERIAL AND DRUGS WILL BE PROVIDED, BUT AT THIS TIME IT DIFFICULT ESTIMATE TOTAL NEEDS EXCEPT TO SAY THEY ARE "IMMENSE", WITH DEPRIVATION INCREASING. UNICEF AND UNHCR FULLY AWARE OF HUMANITARIAN RELIEF CONTRIBUTIONS BEING MADE BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND WILL BEND EVERY EFFORT TO COORDINATE WITH THEM IN FIELD AND AT UN HEADQUARTERS. UNHCR WILL ALSO CONTINUE REGULAR PROGRAMS IN INDO-CHINA.

(B) IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS, POWELL SAID AGAIN THAT ON MARCH 31, WALDHEIM HAD APPEALED TO INDIVIDUALS AND GOVERNMENTS EVERYWHERE FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MEET EMERGENCY NEEDS, AND THIS WAS INTENDED FOR BOTH CAMBODIA AND VIET NAM. SYG HAS ESTABLISHED SPECIAL NEW YORK ACCOUNT FOR ALL CONTRIBUTIONS.

(C) ASKED IF ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES IN SOUTH VIET NAM WOULD NOT ANTAGONIZE PRG, POWELL SAID HOPE IS THAT MATERIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SUFFERING "WON'T OFFEND ANYBODY."

(D) SIR ROBERT JACKSON HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO COORDINATE UN AID TO INDO-CHINA AND IS SETTING UP NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS; JACKSON HAS HAD MUCH EXPERIENCE IN AREA WITH UNRWA AND IN BANGLADESH. UN HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK IS CONSIDERED BEST PLACE FROM WHICH TO COORDINATE DONOR FUNDS. JACKSON WILL REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH DONOR GOVERNMENTS. UK, AUSTRALIA AND SWEDEN HAVE ALREADY ANNOUNCED CONTRIBUTIONS, THREE OF FOUR OTHER GOVERNMENTS EXPECTED FOLLOW SUIT IN NEXT 24 HOURS.

2. MARTIN SANDBERG OF UNICEF THEN SPOKE AT PRESS BRIEFING ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

(A) LAST WEEK PRG SENT WRITTEN REQUEST TO UNICEF THROUGH GENEVA LIAISON OFFICE OUTLINING NEEDS IN ITS AREAS. AT SAME TIME UNICEF OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN WORKING IN HANOI WITH PRG REPS. CABLE RECEIVED BY UNICEF APRIL 4 OR 5 LISTED IMMEDIATE NEEDS AS OF APRIL 2 AS SEEN BY PRG. ASSESSMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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BASED ON SITUATION OF THAT DAY AND COVERED 14 PROVINCES WITH 6.5 TO 7 MILLION PEOPLE IN PRG AREAS; APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT OF THESE CHILDREN AND 20 PERCENT DISPLACED PERSONS. MINIMUM NEEDS FOR MOST VITAL ITEMS: 200 TONS SWEETENED MILK, HIGH-PROTEIN SPECIAL CHILDREN'S FOOD, 500 TONS SWEETENED CONDENSED MILK OR EQUIVALENT, VITAMINS AND CHLORINE TABLETS FOR WATER PURIFICATION, ANTI-BIOTICS, SULFA DRUGS, ANTI-MALARIA DRUGS, 1000 ROLLS OF TARPAULIN,

MOSQUITO NETTING, RAINCOAT MATERIAL, 500 THOUSAND
TO ONE MILLION METERS CLOTH FOR CHILDREN'S CLOTHING AND
1,000 TONS OF RICE AND WHEAT FLOUR.

(B) NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT RELEASING MILK POWDER IN BANGKOK
AND SINGAPORE. DRUGS AND VITAMINS AVAILABLE IN COPENHAGEN.
UNICEF HOPES FLY SUPPLIES INTO HANOI USING AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT
AIRCRAFT IN NEXT TWO OR THREE DAYS. THIS WILL BE FIRST ACTION
ON PRG REQUEST. TRUCKS READY IN PRG AREAS TO DISTRIBUTE
MATERIAL.

(C) ACCORDING PRG, SITUATION AGGRAVATED BY DISRUPTION AND
LOOTING.

(D) UNICEF ALREADY SUPPLYING SOUTH VIETNAM THROUGH SAIGON
WITH 8-900,000 DOLLARS OF DRUGS, BLANKETS AND OTHER RELIEF
MATERIALS.

(E) BEST ESTIMATE ON NEEDS NEXT FEW MONTHS: "TENS OF
MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THROUGH UN CHANNELS FOR ASSISTANCE
THROUGH INDO-CHINA PENINSULA."

(F) UNICEF HAS NO INVOLVEMENT IN AIRLIFT OF ORPHANS TO US
BUT UNICEF CONCERNED WITH MOTHERS AND CHILDREN WHEREVER
THEY HAPPEN TO BE.

(G) SAIGON STILL SORTING OUT WHAT IS NEEDED AND WHAT IS
NOT NEEDED. THERE HAVE BEEN BIG SHIPMENTS TO SOUTH VIET NAM
IN "AN UNCOORDINATED FASHION FROM MANY COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES."

3. DURING BRIEFING, POWELL ADDED: EXPERTS FROM OTHER UN
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES MAY BECOME INVOLVED LATER IN INDO-CHINA
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RELIEF EFFORT, BUT FOR MOMENT UNICEF AND UNHCR ARE COORDINATING
BODIES. ASSISTANCE BEING RENDERED SOUTH VIET NAM IS PUBLIC
KNOWLEDGE AND PRG HAS NOT RAISED OBJECTION TO ANY PART OF IT.
POWELL SAID HE KNEW OF NO APPEAL BY UN FOR PEOPLE IN VIET NAM
"TO STAY WHERE THEY ARE". IN REPLY TO OTHER QUESTION, POWELL
SAID HE WOULD ASK SYG IF WALDHEIM HAS CONSIDERED REQUEST FOR
ARMISTICE TO SPEED HUMANITARIAN RELIEF.
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